



Information on Free School Meals

All children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). However, some children are eligible to receive Free School Meals (FSM) across all school years. If you are in receipt of any of the support payments listed below, your family may be entitled to receive Free School Meals. Furthermore, children eligible for FSM enable the school to receive additional funding called 'Pupil Premium' funding which enables us to provide additional support directly for your child, support which may not otherwise be available.

It is therefore important that you let us know if you think you may be eligible and, indeed, if your circumstances change and believe you become eligible at any point – please speak to the Office staff and we can make the necessary checks.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- **Income Support**

- **income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **the guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)**

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023.